

Building Hours and Program Guide

January and February, 2012

Independence Hall.....	No tour tickets required	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p. m.
*please note, security screening closes at 4:45		
Liberty Bell Center*		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*please note, security screening closes at 4:55		
Independence Visitor Center.....		8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
America’s National Parks Museum Shop.....		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Carpenters’ Hall.....	open Wednesday-Sunday.....	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The City Tavern*.....		opens at 11:30 a.m.
*closed Mondays in January		
Congress Hall		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....	open Wednesday-Sunday.....	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Franklin Court		
Printing Office.....	open Saturday & Sunday.....	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
B. Free Franklin Post Office.....	open Monday-Saturday.....	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Free Quaker Meeting House.....	open Wednesday-Sunday.....	10:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.
The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
National Constitution Center (fee charged).....	Monday-Friday.....	9:30a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday.....	9:30a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday.....	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....	open Wednesday-Sunday.....	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Programs: “Slavery and the Underground Railroad” slide program; Saturdays in February at 1:00 p.m. (30 min)		
“The President’s House in Philadelphia” illustrated program; Sundays in February at 1:00 p.m. (30 min)		
Old City Hall.....		11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....	open Wednesday-Sunday.....	Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Todd and Bishop White House Tour.....		Tickets are available at the Visitor Center Desk

Special Events

January 14 and 21, 2012 - Franklin and Poe Birthday Celebration

Philadelphia was a printing and publishing center in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries thanks to the contributions of two unique men born a century apart: Benjamin Franklin and Edgar Allan Poe. This slide program celebrates their January birthdays and their contributions to American culture. Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank at 2:00

January 14, 15 and 17, 2012 - Happy Birthday Benjamin Franklin

1/14, 15 and 17 Benjamin Franklin Film Festival at the IVC; inquire at the NPS desk for film times. Enjoy three 30 minute films about Benjamin Franklin: *Disney’s: Ben and Me*, *The Discovery Channel’s: The Real Ben Franklin* and the original Franklin Court film: *Portrait of a Family*. See one or see them all!

1/14 and 15 – The Legacy of Benjamin Franklin – Despite his 305 years, Benjamin Franklin remains ageless in his many portraits. Join a Park Ranger for a fascinating tour of the Portrait Gallery. Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank at 1:00 and 3:00.

1/17 – Armonica Demonstrations - Hear a demonstration on the Glass Armonica, a musical instrument invented by Franklin, and described by his wife as sounding like the “voices of angels.” Demonstrations will be presented all day long at the Independence Visitor Center.

January 19, 21 and 22, 2012 - Happy Birthday Edgar Allan Poe

1/19 – Candle Light tour - Celebrate the 203rd Birthday of Edgar Allan Poe by taking a special candlelight tour of his house focusing on the famous stories Poe wrote in Philadelphia. 4:30-5:30 PM FREE, but reservations are required: 215-597-8780. Limit 25 people.

1/19, 21 and 22 - Edgar Allan Poe Film Festival – See how Hollywood interpreted some of Edgar Allan Poe’s most famous stories.

February 4 and 5, 2012 - Happy Birthday Thaddeus Kosciuszko

Celebrate Thaddeus Kosciuszko’s Birthday (February 4, 1746) all weekend. Join a Park Ranger for a special tour of the Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank featuring Kosciuszko and other notable foreign Generals who helped America win independence. 2:00 PM

February 18 and 19, 2012 - The Many Faces of George Washington

Celebrate Presidents Day weekend and George Washington’s Birthday with this special tour of the many portraits of Washington. The Portrait Gallery also features a portrait of Martha Washington and his many friends and comrades. Join a Park Ranger to see the generals, diplomats and congressmen he knew. 2:00 at the Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.

Holiday Hours

On **New Year’s Day (January 1, 2012)** the Independence Visitor Center will be open 8:30-6:00; Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center will be open 11:00-4:00. On **Dr. Martin Luther King Jrs. Birthday (January 16, 2012)** and **President’s Day (February 20, 2012)** the Independence Visitors Center will be open 8:30-6:00; Independence Hall, and the Liberty Bell Center will be open 9:00-5:00.